

What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a razor blade comprising the step of:

providing material in the form of a razor blade blank;

coining the razor blade blank to form a razor blade with a cutting edge; and

finishing the cutting edge to form a finished razor blade.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of providing material in the form of a razor blade blank includes providing unhardened material.

3. The method of claim 2 further including the step of hardening at least a portion of the cutting edge.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of finishing the cutting edge includes using chemical etching.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing material in the form of a razor blade blank includes providing material with at least one bore therein defined by a perimeter and wherein the step of coining includes shaping at least a portion of the perimeter to define the cutting edge.

6. The method of claim 1 further including the step of providing a razor blade blank with at least one bore defined by a perimeter having at least two perimeter portions and wherein the step of coining includes shaping less than all the perimeter portions into the cutting edge.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of coining includes shaping in the razor blade blank at least one skin guide.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the at least one skin guide interrupts the cutting edge.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the at least one skin guide projects beyond the cutting edge.

10. The method of claim 1 including the further step of providing a razor blade blank having a perimeter at least a portion of which is non-linear.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the step of coining includes shaping at least a portion of the non-linear perimeter into the cutting edge.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein at least a portion of the non-linear cutting edge is scalloped.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of coining includes shaping in the razor blade blank a corrugation.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of coining includes giving at least a portion of the cutting edge a non-zero angle relative to a top surface of the razor blade.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the step of coining includes locating a leading edge of the cutting edge generally parallel to the top surface.

16. A razor blade comprising:
a cutting edge having a leading edge; and
a skin guide extending from the cutting edge.

17. The razor blade of claim 16 wherein the skin guide interrupts the leading edge.

18. The razor blade of claim 16 wherein the skin guide projects outwardly from the leading edge.

19. The razor blade of claim 16 wherein the leading edge has at least a portion that is non-linear.